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22 January 1964

Dear Al:

Subject: Sponge Rubber Spacer to Replace
Present Rigid Spacer on Top of Kit

25X1A 1. Reference is made to a letter dated 9 January from [redacted] to myself with info copies to [redacted], same subject as above. 25X1A

2. The problem of properly supporting the parachute has been discussed for many months and now, in view of the emphasis on comfort improvement, I believe we should consider modification suggestions that look promising. This was vividly brought to my attention last week when I saw the method being employed by our friends out yonder. They are covering the rigid block with foam and securing it to the kit with masking tape, similar to the way we did it at [redacted]. I believe you will agree that we should be able to do better. 25X1A

3. Perhaps Ed is on the right track with his modification, however, by making the entire support block out of foam we lose survival item space now in the rigid block. Would like you to investigate the possibility of using the rigid block plus the foam and still maintain the parachute support mentioned in Ed's letter.

4. Would appreciate your comments on this and/or other possible ways to improve the situation.

Sincerely,

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